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four gunmen—between grins and snarls—writhed about in their chairs and exchanged swift glances. "Dago Frank" was the only one of the four to utter an exclamation.

All four had been astride in their coats at dawn, brushing their clothes and shining their boots in preparation for an elaborate grooming. They had barbed their sallow faces until they wore a satin glister and they had slicked down their hair with pomade and soap. Likewise they had had their brown suits pressed to a razor crease, while their linen had come fresh from the laundry and friends and relatives had brought them smart new neckties.

#### MORE LIKE DAPPER CLERKS THAN MURDEROUS GANGSTERS.

The result of all this grooming was that the four prisoners presented the outward bearing of dapper clerks, with not a hint in their exterior of the gunmen of the Zelig gang which Prosecutor Moss described with all the skill of his forensic eloquence.

They came swinging to their places with an easy, confident stride, paying no heed to the gapping throngs that jammed the tribunal. Their faces were sombre and set and even when they smiled upon their counsel, former Magistrate Wahl and Wahl's partner, H. Lionel Kringle, there was not a suggestion of levity.

There was the usual morning stampede when the doors were thrown open, but the uniformed and plain garbed policemen who guarded the entrance were even more selective in their choice of "dapper" than they had been during the Becker trial. There was a noticeable increase in the number of plain clothes men scattered through the rotunda of the Criminal Courts Building, among them half a dozen detectives who were supposed to have a "camera eye" for New York gunmen. They had orders from Headquarters to know from the building every person they knew to be associated with the gangsters of the slums, and during the hour before the arrival of Justice Goff at the bench they got scarcely a breathing space.

It was 10:30 o'clock when Justice Goff came to his place and stood with his face toward the four erect and sober prisoners while the court clerk was intoning his stereotyped "Hear ye."

#### MOSS OPENS THE CASE FOR THE PROSECUTION.

Taking his seat, Justice Goff nodded to Assistant District Attorney Moss to begin his opening, and the short, stocky Prosecutor stood up, clasped his hands behind him under the table of the bench and began his summary of the Rosenthal assassination, first speaking with gentle, quick incisiveness and then pitching his voice to shrill emphasis.

Mr. Moss had not prepared his speech and had only a little sheet of notes on the table in front of him to aid him in the sequence of his brief address. While the Assistant District Attorney was getting under way John M. Slaton, Governor-elect of Georgia, was ushered into the courtroom and escorted to a seat beside Justice Goff. There were also more than a score elaborately gowned women sprinkled through the courtroom.

At the direction of Justice Goff, just as Mr. Moss was about to begin his address, Clerk Penny directed "Dago Frank" and "Whitey Lewis" to change places. This was done so that the four should sit in the order in which they were named in the indictment.

The prosecutor related the familiar story of how Herman Rosenthal was shot and of the escape of the slayers in the "murder car."

"We may not be able," he said, "to prove which one of these four men fired these bullets into the head of Herman Rosenthal. No such proof will be necessary. We need only show that these defendants made a murderous onslaught on their victim and that he was shot to death. No matter who fired the bullets, all who were engaged in the crime are equally guilty."

"Now, gentlemen, in conclusion, I will again point out to you the four defendants in the order in which they sit—'Whitey Lewis,' 'Dago Frank,' 'Lefty Louie' and Harry Harkowitz, known as 'Gyp the Blood.'"

This ended the State's opening and the four prisoners drew a sigh of relief and writhed in their chairs. They smiled nervously and whispered to one another.

#### PATROLMAN JOHN J. BRADY THE FIRST WITNESS.

Then Patrolman John J. Brady of the West Forty-seventh street station was called as the first witness for the prosecution.

Folkman Brady recapitulated the testimony he gave at the Becker trial about how he heard the shooting and ran around the corner from Broadway to find the body of Rosenthal on the pavement in front of the Metropolitan.

He arrived too late to catch a glimpse of the fleeing gunmen or even the pursuing taxicab which had been commandeered by Lieut. Pike.

On cross-examination Judge Wahl questioned Brady concerning the fact that he had been called from his fixed post in the centre of Times Square fifteen minutes before the shooting. The witness could not remember who had called him off his fixed post. He was unable to describe him. The way Judge Wahl hammered at this point showed that he intends to present evidence of his own concerning who the mysterious person was who called Brady off his fixed post.

Lieut. William J. Fife was the second witness. He related briefly and with a rapid fire volley of words how he had been in the Metropolitan when he heard the shots. A few minutes before he had observed Herman Rosenthal in the place. Fife repeated his former testimony concerning his chase of the "murder car."

Internes Dennis E. Taylor of Flower Hospital was called to testify that he had been summoned to the Metropolitan at 2 A. M. on July 16, and found a man dead on the pavement. He did not examine the body. More important evidence of the corpse's death was offered in the testimony of Coroner's Physician Otto H. Schulze who had performed the autopsy.

Dr. Schulze described with great particularity the wounds in the skull and jaw of the slain gambler and pointed out to the jurors where he had found the bullets. He also pointed out a tooth of the murdered man were introduced in evidence and exhibited to the jury.

On cross-examination the defendant's counsel asked the physician to trace the course of the bullet which had caused the mortal wound.

Q. Can you say, doctor, that this bul-

let was fired from above? A. The course of the bullet was downward, as I have described.

#### TRYING TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF THE SHOOTERS.

Q. What I want to know is: Was the shot fired from above the head of Herman Rosenthal? A. The muzzle of the revolver was held above the head of the murdered man.

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the Coroner's Court as one of the persons you saw in the street? A. Yes, Webster.

Q. "Bridge" Webster? A. Yes.

Q. You say you saw these defendants get out of the automobile and go toward the Metropolitan? A. Yes, they got out and jumped across the street.

Q. What did you see "Bridge" Webster do? A. He ran toward Broadway.

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## MURDER TRUNK VANISHED FROM HOUSE NEAR POND

Consignee's Landlord Tells of Two Strangers Who Fled Before Dawn.

WIRE GIVES NEW CLUE.

Slain Woman Bound to Stone With Material from Mill at Branchville.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

GEORGETOWN, Conn., Nov. 12.—After tracing to the house of Joseph Narcosini, in Branchville, the trunk in which the body of the murdered woman found in the millpond near that village is believed to have been shipped from New York, State detectives discovered to-day that the trunk had been in that house for several hours and then disappeared. Giuseppe Napoli, to whom the trunk was consigned, lived in the house.

The two men who claimed the trunk at Georgetown station Friday morning, and were seen by more than a dozen persons pushing it along the Branchville road on a borrowed hand truck, were in the house that was searched to-day on Friday night. Lights were seen flashing about the millpond near 9 o'clock that night. On Saturday morning the men and the trunk they had guarded had disappeared.

The house stands alone on a hill above the millpond. Woods are behind it; no other houses are between it and the edge of the pond. Two men could carry a heavy box from the house to the pond in the dark, with little chance of detection.

STRANGERS SAID TRUNK HELD EXTRACTS THEY WERE SELLING.

The Italian mill hand who lives in this house reluctantly told to-day the story of how the trunk came to his home. He said that on Friday afternoon two of his countrymen, whom he did not know and had not seen before, pushed a hand-truck containing a big trunk up to his house and asked if they could hire a room. They said they were selling bottles of vanilla and other flavoring syrups. The householder thought that was what the big trunk contained.

They took the trunk to their room late Friday afternoon. The householder saw them again early in the evening. That was the last he saw of them. When morning dawned, a few hours before his countrymen's body was found in the pond, lodgers and trunk were not to be seen.

Another important circumstance in the mystery was disclosed to-day. An expert from the wire ropes in Branchville examined the wire rope which bound the woman's body to a stone and said that it was "unwoven wire"—that is, wire strands not yet twisted into rope form. Such unfinished product could not be bought in a store, he said; it would have to come from a wire mill.

G. Napoli, the consignee to whom the trunk was shipped from New York last Thursday and who disappeared from Branchville a week ago, had worked in the galvanizing department of the wire mill and been discharged.

NAPOLI VANISHED TWO WEEKS AGO, FELLOWS SAY.

Detectives Clinton A. Wood and Ralph Mitchell, sent up by Commissioner Waldo to assist the Connecticut detectives in their investigations, examined many Italian workers in an effort to find some one who knew of the recent movements of Napoli. Many said that they had seen the man about the village up to two weeks ago, but none could recall having seen him Friday or thereafter.

The Rev. R. E. Shortell, pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart at Ridgefield, said that the church of the same name in Branchville, viewed the body of the murdered woman this afternoon and said he could not recognize her.

The State detectives consulted with Mill Superintendent Miller as to the feasibility of draining the millpond in the belief that the weighted trunk might be at the bottom of the pond. Mr. Miller said the pond could be drained without stopping the mill.

Georgetown is a small place, fifty-four miles northeast of the Grand Central station, Manhattan. It has a wire mill, a stone crusher, a general store and no hotel. It was dry until last Election day. Two thousand people, a large portion of them Poles employed in the mill, live here.

The fast trains on the Danbury branch of the New Haven Railroad, skip Georgetown, but stop three-quarters of a mile up the track at Branchville, a place of 900 inhabitants. Branchville is Georgetown's "Little Italy." The mill pond lies between the two places. It is a tiny lake of sluggish water, varying in depth from three to thirty feet, formed by the damming of the Norwalk River to furnish power for the wire mill.

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